Agreement with UNDP

760. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have recently signed an agreement with the United Nations Development Programme to launch a new brand of tourism;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the UNDP has agreed to provide funds for tourism; and

(d)if so, the details thereof and the manner in which it is likely to be utilised?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The Government of India and United Nations Development Programme have signed an agreement for the development of endogenous tourism. Under this UNDP has agreed for grant of a sum of US$ 1.8 million for development of endogenous tourism.

Development of Dholavira as a tourist spot

761. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have since decided to develop Dholavira, ancient site in Gujarat, as a major centre for tourism and archaeological research;

(b) whether the site would also be brought on the world map to attract foreign tourists;

(c) if so, what steps are being taken in this regard; and

(d) by when it will be completed?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. The Government have taken concrete steps to develop the ancient site at Dholavira (Gujarat) as a major centre for tourism and